

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroaki MASAOKA

Group Art Unit: 3729

Application No.: 09/987,416

Examiner: A. Tugbang

Filed: November 14, 2001

Docket No.: 111107

For: AN APPARATUS FOR CONFIRMING CONNECTION OF A TERMINAL
CONNECTING PORTION (AS AMENDED)**AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the May 14, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and**Remarks.**